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FORM 6-K



SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December 2001

COLT TELECOM GROUP plc

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

15 Marylebone Road London NW1 5JD England

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F X Form 40-F ____

(Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934)

Yes ____ No <u>X</u>

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the Registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-____)

This Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-3 (Reg. No.333-05972), in the Registrant's

Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Reg. No. 333-8362), in the Registrant's Registration Statement Form F-3 (Reg. No. 333-09116), in the Registrant's Registration Statement Form F-3 (Reg. No. 333-09118), in the Registrant's Registration Statement Form F-3 (Reg. No. 333-09120), and in the Registrant's Registration Statement Form F-4 (Reg. No. 333-11866), and in the Registrant's Registration Statement Form F-3 (Reg. No. 333-13990)

Enclosure: Notification of Interest dated 11 December 2001

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Current Report on Form-6K to be signed on its behalf by undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: 11th December 2001

COLT Telecom Group plc

Mark A. Venkins

Legal Services Director

Notification of interests of Directors and connected Persons

AVS NO: 090664

1. Name o	of Company
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COLT Telecom Group plc

2. Name of Director

Robert Hawley

3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the director named in 2 above or holding of that persons spouse or children under the age of 18 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest

Notification is in respect of director

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)

Robert Hawley

5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)

N/A

6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co. PEP and if discretionary / non-discretionary

Purchase of Shares

7. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired

5.876

8. Percentage of issued class

Less than 1%

9. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed

N/A

10. Percentage of issued class

N/A

11. Class of security

Ordinary 2.5p

12.	Price per share
£1.52p	
13.	Date of transaction
10 Dece	mber 2001
14.	Date Company informed
10 Dece	mber 2001
15.	Total holding following this notification
17,795	
16.	Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
Less tha	n 1%
If a dire	ector has been granted options by the company please complete the following
17.	Date of grant
N/A	
18.	Period during which or date on which exercisable
N/A	
19.	Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option
N/A	
20.	Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number
N/A	
21.	Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise
N/A	
22.	Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification
N/A	
23.	Any additional information
Mr Haw	vley also holds options over 68,060 share options

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24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

John Doherty: 0171 390 3681

25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Mark A. Jenkins Company Secretary Date of Notification: 11 December 01

London Stock Exchange Company Announcements Office Old Broad Street London EC2N 1HP

Facsimile: 0171 588 6057

Enquiries: Continuing Obligations: Telephone: 0171 797 3850